

I would like to commend my fellow colleagues on their cooperation and nonpartisanship in voting to preserve the American institution of public broadcasting. I was unable to vote on the amendment because I was paying my respects to the family of a brave soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I am strongly against the cuts proposed by House Republicans that were even more severe than the President's suggested budget cuts. While the President recommended a cut of approximately ten million dollars in funding to the Corporation of Public Broadcasting, the House Appropriations Committee and other subcommittees recommended a total cut of \$246.2 million, or 44.9 percent of the current funding. While I recognize the importance of fiscal responsibility, especially in the midst of a severe budget deficit, I believe that we must properly prioritize funding provided by taxpayer dollars. The majority of Americans, according to a recent poll, rank public broadcasting as the second most important publicly provided service, after military defense; additionally the majority of Americans believe not only that their tax dollars are well spent on public broadcasting, but actually support an increase in its funding.

The proposed cuts to public broadcasting are clearly contrary to public opinion. Moreover, these cuts would result in the loss of invaluable services that Americans trust and rely upon, and would harm local economies in the form of closed local stations and lost jobs. For these reasons, I celebrate the passage of this amendment, and pledge my support to continuing funding the Corporation of Public Broadcasting.

THE RETIREMENT OF RABBI
RICHARD LEVINE

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an extraordinary gentleman who I am honored to call a friend. On July 1, 2005, Rabbi Richard Levine will retire after 41 years of service as the spiritual leader of Congregation Adath Emanu-El. Since 1964, Rabbi Levine has worked tirelessly on behalf of his Congregation and the greater Jewish community of southern New Jersey. As my friend continues his journey after retirement, it is with great pride and admiration that I look back on his tenure as a spiritual and community leader.

After graduating from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, Richard Levine went on to the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion whereupon completion of his studies, he was ordained as a Rabbi. Arriving in Willingboro, New Jersey in 1964, Rabbi Levine began to get involved with a countless number of Jewish and non-sectarian organizations and causes. In addition to holding the Presidency of the Delaware Valley Association of Reform Rabbis and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis, he was the first New Jersey Rabbi ever to serve as President of the Greater Philadelphia Board of Rabbis. He has served on the Boards of the Jewish Federation of Southern

New Jersey, Jewish Family and Children Services and the Board of Jewish Education.

Rabbi Levine's dedication to our local community goes far beyond his service on Rabbinical and community boards. Over the years he has worked with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Operation Head Start, various multi-ethnic human relations organizations and has taught classes at local schools. He has served with distinction as a "scholar in residence" in other communities and has led over a dozen trips to Israel. During these trips, the participants enjoy his first-hand knowledge of the country, its history, people and spiritual meaning.

Today, as we honor the accomplishments of this exceptional American, Rabbi Levine is still hard at work, as the patriarch of a growing family. He and his lovely wife Judith are the proud parents of nine children and are celebrating the arrival of their eighth grandchild! As a father, grandfather and rabbi, Richard Levine has earned the respect, gratitude and admiration of all of us who have had the privilege to work with him over the years.

Mr. Speaker, my friend Richard Levine has dedicated his professional life to the service of his people and the greater community of which I am honored to be a part. As he begins his well-earned retirement, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for his friendship, leadership and service.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JEFFREY
E. KLINE

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Jeffrey E. Kline, United States Navy, who retires this month after 26 years of uniformed service to our Nation's Navy. His career is highlighted by a blend of significant operational and academic achievement.

At the University of Missouri, CAPT Kline participated in the NROTC Program and was commissioned in 1979 upon graduation with honors. He then attended Surface Warfare Officer School at Newport, RI. His first assignments were as Gunnery Officer and Navigator on board the USS *Moosbrugger* from 1979 to 1981 and then on the USS *Ranger* as the Propulsion Officer until 1983. Upon completion of USMC Instructors School, CAPT Kline was a Naval Gunfire Instructor with the Land Force Training Command, Pacific, until 1986. He returned to Department Head School at Newport followed by another sea duty assignment as Combat Systems Officer on board the USS *John L. Hall* from 1986 to 1988. This led directly to a billet as the Combat Systems and Operations Officer on the staff of Commander Destroyer Squadron THREE TWO through 1990. Captain Kline then continued his education at the Naval Postgraduate School graduating with a Masters Degree in Operations Research with distinction in 1992.

Upon graduation, Captain Kline served his first tour as a Commanding Officer on board the USS *Aquila*. In 1993, he was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Programs, Analysis and Evaluation as a Naval Forces Analyst, and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work in 1996. Returning to aca-

demia, he graduated with distinction from the National War College at the National Defense University in 1997.

From 1997 to 1999, Captain Kline assumed his second operational command as the Commanding Officer of the USS *Cushing*. This was followed by a two-year tour as Deputy Operations Officer for the Commander Sixth Fleet. For this work he received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal in 2001. Captain Kline completed his distinguished naval career as the Associate Dean and Chair of Warfare Innovation at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Captain Kline has been consistently recognized for his outstanding service throughout his naval career. In addition to the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, he has been awarded two Meritorious Service medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals by various commands. His academic achievements in naval education earned him the 1992 CNO Excellence in Operations Research Award, the 1996 Naval War College Award for the best Geostrategic Context paper and two Northrop Grumman Awards of Excellence for Systems Engineering in 2003 and 2004 while at the Postgraduate School.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to applaud a person who has served his country with such distinction for so many years. I join with all his friends and family in honoring this talented man and his many achievements.

COMMENDATION FOR ROSALIND M.
WON-PAT FLEET FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Rosalind M. Won-Pat Fleet for 26 years of dedication and commitment to the security of this Nation through her career with the U.S. Department of Defense. I want to express my personal thanks to Rose as her family and friends gather to honor her accomplishments on the occasion of her retirement.

Born on Guam to the late Congressman Antonio Borja and Ana Perez Won-Pat, Rose currently resides in Haymarket, Virginia. She is married to William Don Fleet and is the proud mother of three children, Natalie, William, Jr., and Michael.

After graduating from George Washington High School in Mangilao, Guam, Rose attended the University of Maryland at College Park where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and was a member of Theta Sigma Phi, the National Professional Society for Women in Journalism and Communications. She continued her postgraduate studies in Communications and Public Administration.

Following in her family's tradition of public service, Rose began her career in 1984 as a Budget Assistant with the Commander of Naval Forces Japan (COMNAVFORJAPAN) in Yokosuka, Japan. Within 3 years, she became Budget Chief at the Office of the Director of Naval Intelligence (DNI) at the Pentagon. She continued her rise within the Department of Defense, serving as the Financial Resource Manager with the Defense Intelligence Agency